6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
7. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
8. Poverty Ratio to Himachal Pradesh is used for Jammu & Kashmir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The growth in GDP in 1997-98 at constant (1993-94) prices was 5.0 per cent as against 7.8 per cent achieved during 1996-97;

(c) The main factors responsible for slow growth in GDP in 1997-98 were (i) negative growth of 1.3 per cent as compared to positive 9.6 per cent in 1996-97 in agriculture, (ii) low growth of 1.6 per cent in fishing as compared to 10.3 per cent in the previous year, (iii) low performance of manufacturing industries registering 6.8 per cent growth as compared to a growth of 7.7 per cent in the privious year and (iv) lower growth of the services sectors relating to the 'trade, hotel and restaurants' registering a growth of 5.4 per cent (as against 8.4 per cent in the previous year) and 'transport, storage and communication' registering a growth of 6.5 per cent (as compared to 9.0 per cent in the previous year).

Growth in GDP

1826. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GDP growth rate had slowed down in 1997-98;

(b) if so, growth in GDP in 1997-98 how it compares with that achieved in 1996-97; and

(c) details of the factors responsible for slow growth in GDP?

Trade and security issues under the ambit of Planning Commission

1827. SHRI AMAR SINGH: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade and security issues have been brought under the ambit of Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Special Central assistance to West Bengal

1828. SHRI DAWA LAMA: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of special Central assistance allocated to West Bengal in 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) what were the shares of Darjeeling district out of above; and

(c) for what purposes the amount is being spent in Darjeeling scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The amount of special central assistance allocated to West Bengal in 1995-96,